

After all allowances for the bitterness of the time are made, the general character of Mrs. William's views would seem to be based on strong tradition. British soldiers and sailors were treated harshly by their own governments and it is not likely prisoners would be much regarded. There seems to be no corresponding tradition at Halifax. The Halifax people did give subscription balls for the benefit of prisoners of war. The notion that the "despotism" and "cruelty" of England had *not* altered the scenery is interesting.

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(Concluded in our next.)